GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6159
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PERMISSION FOR USE FOF OFFICERS CLUB PREMISES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether C&AG in its Report No.8 of 2004 (Railways) has observed that Railway land costing Rs.7.06 crore earmarked for Club House for the use of Railway Officers` has been allowed to be used free of charge by a Contractor appointed by the Managing Committee of the Club in gross violations of the Rules;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the corrective steps taken to check recurrence of such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): It is true that a contract with private individual for 20 years was entered into by the Managing committee of Railway Club, but it is not true that it`s usage was free of charge.

(b): The contract permitted the contractor the discretion to decide the rates to be charged by him for the private function for non-members, whereas Club was to get only a paltry sum as a rental along with facility of subsidized food items for club members and officers at rest house. Since the contract was overwhelmingly in favour of the contractor, an investigation was carried out in the matter.

(c): As a consequence of the investigation;

(i) Notice for termination of the contract with the contractor was issued.

(ii) Administration revoked permission for use of Railway Bungalow as Officers` Club.

(iii) Railway Estate officer took possession of Bungalow No.19 which was being used as Club.

(iv) Two officers were issued major penalty charge-sheet and one Senior Administrative Grade Officer was issued minor penalty charge sheet for the lapses in the matter.